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**NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
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3801.P052PCT

**FOR FURTHER ACTION** See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.  
PCT/US02/04600

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14 February 2002 (14.02.2002)

Applicant  
EBAY, INC.

1.  The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

**Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:**

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

**When?** The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report.

**Where?** Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes  
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2.  The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3.  With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

- the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

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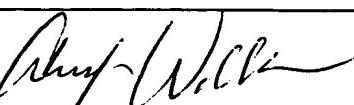
See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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(See notes on accompanying sheet)

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### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 3801.P052PCT	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US02/04600	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 14 February 2002 (14.02.2002)	(Earliest) Priority Date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 11 June 2001 (11.06.2001)
Applicant EBAY, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the Report**

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



contained in the international application in written form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.



Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).



Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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5. With regard to the abstract,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 5



as suggested by the applicant.



None of the figures



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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**Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)**

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

Additionally, the abstract is not drafted in a way which allows the clear understanding of the technical problem, the gist of the solution of that problem through the invention, and the principal use or uses of the invention (PCT Rule 8.1(a)(i)).

**NEW ABSTRACT**

According to one aspect of the invention, there is provided a method to facilitate a transaction by a network-based transaction facility. In one embodiment, the method includes receiving a request from a buyer accessing the network-based transaction facility to view offerings that are offered for sale via the network-based transaction facility (71). The method further includes responding to the request by retrieving information concerning a plurality of offerings, wherein the plurality of offerings include a first offering of a first transaction type and a second offering of a second transaction type (72). Further, the method includes integrating information concerning the first and second offerings into a commingled list (74) and causing the display of the commingled list to the buyer (76).

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 17/60  
US CL : 705/37

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
U.S. : 705/26, 27, 37; 709/203, 219, 225

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X,P	US 2001/0021924 A1 (OHNO) 13 September 2001 (13.09.2001), see entire document, especially abstract, paragraphs 0002, 0013-0018, 0022, 0027-0032.	1-35
X,E	US 2002/0026269 A1 (MILLER et al.) 28 February 2002 (28.02.2002), see entire document, especially abstract, paragraphs 0007-0009.	1-35
X,E	US 2002/0082932 A1 (CHINNAPPAN et al.) 27 June 2002 (27.06.2002), see entire document, especially abstract, paragraphs 003, 0006, 0007, 0022, 0027, 0034, 0046-0048.	1-35
X	US 6,058,417 A (HESS et al.) 02 May 2000 (02.05.2000), see entire document, especially abstract, lines 15-20, column 2, lines 10-21, column 3, lines 48-64, column 4, lines 8-27, 46-59, column 6, lines 46-55.	1-35

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"&"	document member of the same patent family
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"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed		

Date of the actual completion of the international search

12 July 2002 (12.07.2002)

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X,E	US 6,415,320 B1 (HESS et al.) 02 July 2002 (02.07.2002), see entire document, especially abstract, column 1, lines 11-16, column 2, lines 6-17, column 3, lines 43-59, column 4, lines 3-22, 41-54, column 6, lines 41-51.	1-35
X	Edeal Auctions - InterActive Classifieds, copyright 1998 edeal Services Corp. [retrieved on 2002-07-12]. Retrieved from the Internet: < <a href="http://finditseek.at.edeal.com/">http://finditseek.at.edeal.com/</a> > .	1-35
X	Auctionweiser - InterShopZone - The Online Interactive Marketplace, copyright 1999 Auctionweiser Enterprises, Inc. [retrieved on 2002-07-12]. Retrieved from the Internet: < <a href="http://www.auctionweiser.com/auction/index.asp">http://www.auctionweiser.com/auction/index.asp</a> > .	1-35

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**Continuation of Item 4 of the first sheet:**

The title is too long.

**NEW TITLE:**

Method and System Automatically Supporting Multiple Transaction Types, and Displaying Various Transaction Types in a Commingled Listing

**Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:**

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electronic commerce transaction, bidding, bid, auction, commingle, commingled, commingling, list, multiple, type, transaction